

WARRANT  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BERKSHIRE SS.

TO: Rosemary E. Besancon, Constable of the Town of Egremont,  
Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Egremont qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the North Egremont Fire Station in North Egremont, on Tuesday, the 10th day of May, 2011, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, and then and there to bring their ballots to the election officers for the election of the following Town and District Officers:

One Moderator for one year,  
One Town Clerk for one year,  
One Selectman for three years,  
One Library Trustee for three years,  
One Cemetery Commissioner for three years,  
One member of the Planning Board for one year,  
One member of the Planning Board for five years,  
One Tree Warden for one year,  
One Assessor for three years,  
One Water Commissioner for one year,  
One Water Commissioner for three years.

and to choose such other officers as towns are required by law or have a right to choose.

All of the above named officers will be voted upon an official ballot to be furnished at the polling place by the election officers. The following question will be voted upon an official ballot to be furnished at the polling place by the election officers.

*Shall the Town of Egremont be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to pay for the costs of remodeling and making extraordinary repairs to various school buildings of the Southern Berkshire Regional School District, and to pay costs of purchasing various items of capital equipment for general technology upgrades and building improvements and upgrades, and for payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto?*

The polls will open at 10:00 A.M., and shall close at 7:00 P.M.

You are also required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Mount Everett Regional High School, Thomas A. Consolati Auditorium,

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Sheffield MA, on Tuesday, the 3rd day of May, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. and then and there to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To hear the reports of any officers, committee or committees.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds monies, or any other amounts, to defray charges and expenses to the Town, to set the salaries of elected officials, including salaries of certain Town officers and employees, debt and interest, and to provide for a reserve fund, all beginning July 1, 2011 for the ensuing twelve months.

	<b>VOTED</b> <u>2010-2011</u>	<b>SELECTBOARD</b> <u>2011-2012</u>	<b>FINANCE COMM.</b> <u>2011-2012</u>
<b>1. OFFICIALS AND BOARDS</b>	<b>\$ 301,786.00</b>	<b>\$ 312,395.00</b>	<b>\$ 312,265.00</b>
A. Accounting Officer Expense	500.00	500.00	500.00
B. Accounting Officer	13,525.00	13,790.00	13,790.00
C. Agricultural Commission	400.00	400.00	400.00
D. Assessors Clerical	3,120.00	3,182.00	3,182.00
E. Assessor's Consulting	25,700.00	26,200.00	26,200.00
F. Assessor's Expense	3,850.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
G. Assessor #1 Salary	4,541.00	4,632.00	4,632.00
H. Assessor #2 Salary	4,541.00	4,632.00	4,632.00
I. Assessor #3 Salary	4,541.00	4,632.00	4,632.00
J. Board of Appeals Expense	100.00	100.00	100.00
K. Board of Health Expense	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
L. Board of Health Director	21,816.00	22,253.00	22,253.00
M. Bd. of Health Agent Wages	13,828.00	14,105.00	14,105.00
N. Bd. Of Health Food Inspector	663.00	677.00	677.00
O. Building Inspector Salary	24,051.00	24,533.00	24,533.00
P. Asst. Building Inspector		600.00	600.00
Q. Conservation Comm. Expense	475.00	475.00	475.00
R. Constable's Salary	523.00	534.00	534.00
S. Finance Committee Expense	400.00	400.00	400.00
T. Inspectors' Expenses	2,400.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
U. Planning Board Expense	2,165.00	2,475.00	2,475.00
<b>V. Planning Board Wages</b>	<b>270.00</b>	<b>400.00</b>	<b>270.00</b>
W. Sel. Office Administrator	49,738.00	50,733.00	50,733.00
X. Selectmen Office Expense	12,600.00	13,100.00	13,100.00
Y. Selectman #1 Salary	5,390.00	5,390.00	5,390.00
Z. Selectman #2 Salary	4,901.00	4,901.00	4,901.00
AA. Selectman #3 Salary	4,901.00	4,901.00	4,901.00
BB. Town Clerk Expense	2,755.00	2,755.00	2,755.00

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CC. Town Clerk Salary	8,053.00	8,214.00	8,214.00
DD. Town Hall Office Clerk	20,492.00	20,902.00	20,902.00
EE. Treasurer/Collector Expense	8,750.00	9,140.00	9,140.00
FF. Treasurer/Collector Salary	47,597.00	48,549.00	48,549.00
GG. Treasurer/Collector Clerk	4,200.00	7,290.00	7,290.00
<b>2. TOWN EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 185,338.00</b>	<b>\$ 185,146.00</b>	<b>\$ 185,146.00</b>
A. Animal Control Officer	2,247.00	2,292.00	2,292.00
B. Animal Control Expenses	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
C. Audit	5,050.00	5,050.00	5,050.00
D. Board of Registrars Salary	50.00	50.00	50.00
E. Compactor Operation	72,845.00	72,845.00	72,845.00
F. Compactor Operator Salary	19,219.00	18,786.00	18,786.00
G. Compactor Substitute Wages	4,215.00	4,300.00	4,300.00
H. Computer Expenses	29,914.00	29,318.00	29,318.00
I. Drug and Alcohol Tests	360.00	850.00	850.00
J. Egremont Newsletter	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
K. Election Wages	4,500.00	1,700.00	1,700.00
L. Group Purchasing	775.00	775.00	775.00
M. High Speed Internet	3,224.00	3,560.00	3,560.00
N. Historical Commission Expense	1,400.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
O. Inspector of Animals	500.00	500.00	500.00
P. Legal Expenses	500.00	500.00	500.00
Q. Legal Fees	7,000.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
R. Litigation	10,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
S. Moderator	215.00	220.00	220.00
T. School Committee	1,842.00	1,842.00	1,842.00
U. School Crossing Guard	4,958.00	5,058.00	5,058.00
V. So. Berk. Chamber Commerce	250.00	250.00	250.00
W. Town Report	650.00	650.00	650.00
X. Town Telephone	3,924.00	3,300.00	3,300.00
Y. Veteran's Benefits	6,500.00	14,000.00	14,000.00
Z. Zoning Bylaws	500.00	500.00	500.00
<b>3. TOWN MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>\$ 152,065.00</b>	<b>\$ 150,823.00</b>	<b>\$ 150,823.00</b>
A. Bldg Maint. General Exp.	13,010.00	13,010.00	13,010.00
B. Bldg Maint. Utility Exp.	39,211.00	39,211.00	39,211.00
C. Building Maintenance Wages	10,765.00	10,981.00	10,981.00
D. Maintenance Superintendent	40,990.00	41,810.00	41,810.00
E. Cemetery Maintenance	100.00	100.00	100.00
F. French Park Maintenance	6,726.00	5,431.00	5,431.00

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G. French Park Overtime Wages	3,765.00	3,841.00	3,841.00
H. French Park Wages	10,154.00	10,358.00	10,358.00
I. Public Lighting	3,900.00	4,100.00	4,100.00
J. Building Improvements	7,775.00	3,698.00	3,698.00
K. Tree Work	10,000.00	12,500.00	12,500.00
L. Tree Warden	5,669.00	5,783.00	5,783.00
<b>4. HIGHWAYS</b>	<b>\$ 442,164.00</b>	<b>\$ 438,602.00</b>	<b>\$ 438,602.00</b>
A. Const. & Maint. Wages	4,587.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
B. Construction & Maintenance	178,200.00	178,500.00	178,500.00
C. Personnel Member Foreman	38,248.00	38,397.00	38,397.00
D. Personnel Member B	35,725.00	35,823.00	35,823.00
E. Personnel Member C	34,625.00	35,318.00	35,318.00
F. Superintendent Salary	56,697.00	51,000.00	51,000.00
G. Snow & Ice Removal	70,000.00	70,000.00	70,000.00
H. Snow & Ice Removal Wages	24,082.00	24,564.00	24,564.00
<b>5. LIBRARY</b>	<b>\$ 26,438.00</b>	<b>\$ 26,929.00</b>	<b>\$ 26,929.00</b>
A. Expenses	8,200.00	8,325.00	8,325.00
B. Librarian's Salary	17,371.00	17,719.00	17,719.00
C. Library Substitute Wages	867.00	885.00	885.00
<b>6. POLICE</b>	<b>\$ 290,611.00</b>	<b>\$ 292,071.00</b>	<b>\$ 292,071.00</b>
B. Chief Expenses	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00
C. Chief Salary	59,799.00	60,995.00	60,995.00
D. Collective Bargaining	182,301.00	182,301.00	182,301.00
E. Department Expenses	10,899.00	10,899.00	10,899.00
H. Police Wages-Secretary	13,200.00	13,464.00	13,464.00
I. Vehicle Expenses	21,712.00	21,712.00	21,712.00
<b>7. FIRE AND EMERGENCY</b>	<b>\$123,420.00</b>	<b>\$ 87,732.00</b>	<b>\$ 87,732.00</b>
A. Dispatch Facilities	8,089.00	8,332.00	8,332.00
B. Emergency Management	1,500.00	3,700.00	3,700.00
C. Emergency Management Wages	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
D. Fire Department Expense	37,500.00	40,000.00	40,000.00
E. Draft Hydrants	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
F. Firefighters Stipend	23,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
G. Forest Fires	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
H. Street Number 911	200.00	200.00	200.00

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I. Alert-Now Rapid Notification	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
J. So Berk Reg Emergency Planning	500.00	500.00	500.00
K. Fire Accident Wages	35,360.00	0.00	0.00
L. Fire Accident Benefits	7,271.00	0.00	0.00
<b>8. DEBT AND INTEREST</b>	<b>\$ 78,009.00</b>	<b>\$ 101,640.00</b>	<b>\$101,640.00</b>
A. Interest Short Term Debt	1.00	1.00	1.00
B. Fire Truck Loan	42,175.00	67,056.00	67,056.00
C. Loader Loan	35,833.00	34,583.00	34,583.00
<b>9. HUMAN SERVICES</b>	<b>\$ 21,633.00</b>	<b>\$ 21,633.00</b>	<b>\$ 21,633.00</b>
A. Brien Center/Mental Health	958.00	958.00	958.00
B. Berk South Community Center	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
C. Community Health Programs	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
D. Berk. Comm. Action Council	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
E. Construct, Inc.	400.00	400.00	400.00
F. Council on Aging	1,950.00	1,950.00	1,950.00
G. Eagle Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
H. Egremont Garden Club	200.00	200.00	200.00
I. Elizabeth Freeman Center	500.00	500.00	500.00
J. Fairview Hospital	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
K. Housatonic Valley Assoc	250.00	250.00	250.00
L. Hospice of So. Berkshire	750.00	750.00	750.00
M. Lee VNA	4,200.00	4,200.00	4,200.00
N. Railroad Street Youth Project	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
O. So. Berk. Elderly Transport	5,025.00	5,025.00	5,025.00
P. So. Berk. Literacy Network	400.00	400.00	400.00
<b>10. INSURANCE</b>	<b>\$ 360,071.00</b>	<b>\$ 394,899.00</b>	<b>\$ 394,899.00</b>
A. Health/Dental	152,150.00	182,433.00	182,433.00
B. Pension	108,171.00	114,016.00	114,016.00
C. Property & Casualty	78,000.00	78,000.00	78,000.00
D. Social Security/Medicare	11,250.00	12,150.00	12,150.00
E. Unemployment	10,500.00	8,300.00	8,300.00
<b>11. RESERVE FUND</b>	<b>\$ 25,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 25,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 25,000.00</b>

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<b>12. SCHOOLS</b>	<b>\$1,374,016.00</b>	<b>\$1,410,727.00</b>	<b>\$1,410,727.00</b>
A. Operating & Transport	1,289,536.00	1,395,054.00	1,395,054.00
B. Capital Costs	84,480.00	15,673.00	15,673.00
<b>TOTAL LINE ITEM BUDGET</b>	<b>\$3,380,351.00</b>	<b>\$3,447,597.00</b>	<b>\$3,447,467.00</b>

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Egremont Water Department, said sums to be expended under the direction of the Water Commissioners, or take any other action thereon.

That the following sums be appropriated for/to the Water Enterprise Fund:

**WATER DEPARTMENT BUDGET**

	<u>VOTED</u> <u>2010-2011</u>	<u>SELECTBOARD</u> <u>2011-2012</u>	<u>FINANCE COMM</u> <u>2011-2012</u>
A. Debt Service	\$ 71,000.00	71,000.00	71,000.00
B. Water Operating Exp	20,000.00	23,500.00	23,500.00
C. Salaries/Wages	64,505.00	65,795.00	65,795.00
D. Utilities	14,500.00	14,500.00	14,500.00
E. Office Expenses	1,000.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
F. Water System Maint., Repair, Replacement, Upgrade	26,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00
G. Audit	2,450.00	2,450.00	2,450.00
H. Insurance	21,000.00	21,000.00	21,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$220,455.00</b>	<b>\$234,345.00</b>	<b>\$234,345.00</b>

and that the necessary funds be raised as follows:

Water Department Revenues	\$ 156,345.00
Tax Levy	78,000.00

(Finance Committee recommends approval with extreme reservations.)

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to approve the vote of the Southern Berkshire Regional School Committee authorizing the borrowing of up to \$3,000,000.00, as allowed by MGL Chapter 71, Section 16(d), in order to pay for the costs of remodeling and making extraordinary repairs to various school buildings of the Southern Berkshire Regional School District, and to pay costs of purchasing various items of capital equipment for general

technology upgrades and building improvements and upgrades, and for payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval.)

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all necessary and appropriate action to establish and to maintain, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 164 of the General Laws and in accordance with the rules, regulations and orders of the department of Public Laws and in accordance with the rules, regulations and orders of the Department of Telecommunications & Cable, a municipal lighting plant for all purposes allowable under the laws of the Commonwealth, including without limitation the operation of a telecommunications system and any related services, or take any other action relative thereto. (*Ballot*)

(Finance Committee recommends approval.)

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$1,000.00, or any other amount, to pay the necessary fee to join the WiredWest organization in order to help bring Broadband to the residents of Egremont, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval.)

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds and/or authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow the sum of \$415,000.00, or any other amount, to construct a new Police Facility for the Egremont Police Department, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee will make a recommendation at the town meeting.)

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$10,981.00, or any other amounts, for the purchase of new difibrillators, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval.)

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$15,000.00, as itemized below, or any other amounts, for repairs and engineering for the Draft Hydrant Committee,

\$1,850.00 Drought Study

\$ 950.00 Complete Boice Road evaluation  
Design plans, bid, and certify

\$8,500.00 Remediation of Boice Road hydrants

\$1,650.00 Rowe Road evaluation, design plans, bid and certify

\$2,050.00 Remediation of Rowe Road

or take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval.)

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds, and/or to borrow the sum of \$145,000, or any other amount, to purchase a new truck for the Egremont Highway Department, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval.)

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$30,000.00, or any other amount, to purchase a new Police Cruiser for the Egremont Police Department, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval.)

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$5,000.00, or any other amount, to conduct a needs study on the Egremont Library Building, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval.)

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to to establish a special Stabilization Fund to cover costs of future retiree benefits, and vote to raise and appropriate, and/ or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$10,000.00, or any other amount, as required by GASB 45, to take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval.)



ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$6,000.00, or any other amount, for repair and maintenance projects at town cemeteries, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval.)

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$22,500.00, or any other amount, for a drainage system at the Little League Field at French Park, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval.)

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$5,000.00, or any other amount, to pay to the Friends of Prospect Lake to help with the costs of weed control at Prospect Lake, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval.)

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to accept funds being provided by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, to pay for such costs as allowed by appropriate legislation in connection with the maintenance, repair, and construction of Town ways and bridges, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval.)

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of revolving funds for the following programs and purposes:

- a. French Park (\$2,000.00)
- b. Home Composting Bins (\$500.00)
- c. Zoning Board of Appeals (\$1,000.00)
- d. Dog Fund (\$1,000.00)
- e. Inspector Wages (\$15,000.00) (exceptions: Building Inspector and Health Inspector)

which revolving funds together shall not exceed the sum of \$19,500.00, which shall be under the control of the Town Treasurer, which shall be accounted for separately and to which shall be credited only the departmental receipts received in connection with the programs supported by each revolving fund; further to authorize the Town Treasurer to expend from such funds in accordance with the

provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 as amended by Section 72 and 73 of the Acts of 1994 of the Massachusetts General Laws, provided however that said expenditures for all revolving funds shall not exceed the receipts for such funds, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval.)

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to direct the water commissioners (a) to set rates and take other actions designed to eliminate any subsidy from the town and (b) to investigate and report to the next meeting on the feasibility and cost of replacing the water company with individual or jointly-owned wells, or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Counsel has advised this is a non-binding article.  
(Finance Committee recommends approval.)

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will authorize the appointment of any committee or committees and give them or any other officer of the Town any instructions, authority, or indemnity.

And you are requested to warn said meeting by posting copies of this Warrant in four or more public places in said Town, fourteen days at least, before the time of holding same.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Selectmen:

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Bruce S. Cumsky, Chairman

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Richard Burdsall, Vice-Chairman

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Bruce Turner

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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Rosemary E. Besancon  
Constable, Town of Egremont

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	<u>Voted</u> <u>2010-2011</u>	<u>SELECTBOARD</u> <u>2011-2012</u>	<u>FINANCE COMM.</u> <u>2011-2012</u>
<b>Total Line Item Budget</b>	<b>\$3,380,351.00</b>	<b>\$3,447,597.00</b>	<b>\$3,447,467.00</b>
<b>Special Articles</b>	<b>\$ 125,455.00</b>	<b>\$ 183,481.00</b>	<b>\$ 183,481.00</b>
Cemeteries	1,500.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Stabilization Fund	25,000.00	0.00	0.00
Fire Proof Cabinets	3,000.00	0.00	0.00
FoPL	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Water Dept Subsidy	75,455.00	78,000.00	78,000.00
GASB 45 software	1,500.00	0.00	0.00
French Park Playground	14,000.00	0.00	0.00
Defibs		10,981.00	10,981.00
Draft Hydrant		15,000.00	15,000.00
Wired-West membership		1,000.00	1,000.00
French Park Drainage		22,500.00	22,500.00
Retiree benefits		10,000.00	10,000.00
Police Cruiser		30,000.00	30,000.00
Library needs study		5,000.00	5,000.00
Police Facility		415,000.00*	415,000.00*
Highway Truck		145,000.00*	145,000.00*
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$3,508,806.00</b>	<b>\$3,631,078.00</b>	<b>\$3,628,078.00</b>

\*Not included in total.